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Crop Report for October 1, 2006

Total harvest completion remains at 92 per cent, due to farmers making limited harvest progress in northern regions, as well as some central areas still experiencing surplus moisture, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

The five-year average is 74 per cent. The southwest remains furthest along at 99 per cent complete, followed by the southeast with 97 per cent combined. The northeast remains the furthest behind at 85 per cent complete.

Northern regions, as well as some central areas will need up to two weeks of drying weather to complete harvest. Grain dryers are running.

During the past week, crop damage was caused by flooding, frost, water fowl, wild game, winds, and rain. Quality for the crop that remains to be harvested is being downgraded due to sprouting, staining, and bleaching.

Farmers are spraying, fertilizing, hauling bales, picking rocks, and doing other fall work.

Today's report is the last weekly crop report for the 2006 season. The final crop report will be released on October 25, 2006.

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Sask. harvesting progress	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	94	94
Durum	99	98
Oats	86	86
Barley	93	93
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	99
Flax	67	63
Canola	89	89
Mustard	95	94
Sunflowers	10	4
Lentils	99	99
Peas	100	99
Canary seed	72	72
Chickpeas	92	92
Total*	92	92

* includes 1% Other

Upcoming Saskatchewan Crop Insurance deadlines:

- Premiums for 2006 are due by October 31. Premiums are interest-free until September 30 with interest starting to accrue October 1. However, if your premium is paid by October 31, there will be no interest charged.
- All production declarations, post-harvest claims and extension of insurance requests must be filed by November 15.
- Declarations must be filed before a yield-loss claim can be registered but whether you're in a claim position or not, you must submit your production information. Production declarations provide Crop Insurance with yield information necessary to establish your future coverage.

You may mail, fax or drop off your declaration forms at your customer service office or call 1-888-935-0000 with the information. CropConnect customers will be notified as soon as they can complete personalized grains, SMP and organic declarations online.

1 Year Ago

Sixty-nine per cent of the 2005 crop was harvested, raging from 93% complete in the southwest to 29% complete in the northwest.

The crop was expected to be below average for quality.

Grasshoppers were damaging emerging fall-seeded crops inthe northwest.

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South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

South eastern harvesting progress	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	99	98
Durum	99	98
Oats	96	94
Barley	99	99
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	100
Flax	86	82
Canola	98	98
Mustard	99	99
Sunflowers	15	3
Lentils	100	100
Peas	100	100
Canary seed	91	88
Chickpeas	94	92
Total	**97**	**96**

The south eastern region was generally cool and damp at the beginning of the week and turning warm and drier by week's end. An average of 9 mm was reported, ranging from an average low of 5 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 1a, to an average high of 12 mm reported in CD 2a. Over 25 mm was reported in the Griffin area. There was some localized wind damage. Several areas in CD 2b reported frost damage. Standing flax crops were sprouting in the Moosomin area.

Ninety-seven per cent of the 2006 south eastern crop has been harvested, with a further 2% lying in the swath or ready to straight combine. Crops that are less than 95% harvested include flax, sunflowers, canary seed, and chickpeas.

The southeast is drier than last week as 63% of reporters rated topsoil moisture on crop land as short or very short, compared to 59% last week. On hay and pasture land, 72% of reporters rated topsoil moisture as short or very short compared to 74% last week. Livestock water supplies are low in a number of south eastern locations, and some farmers are hauling water for their stock. The fire hazard in the area is high, but has improved in the last month.

Migratory birds damaged crops in CD 2b. Mole hills are increasing in fields in the Zehner area.

Fall-seeded crops are emerging and coming up nicely. More winter cereals were seeded this past week.

Farmers are doing fall tillage, spraying, picking rocks, hauling bales, taking calves to market, moving cattle, burning flax straw, hauling grain, fixing fence, and cleaning corrals.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

The southwest had some warm weather and some unsettled weather during the past week. An average of 2 mm of precipitation was reported. Crop District 3an reported the largest weekly average at 5 mm of precipitation. Some frost damage was reported in the Limerick area. There are reports of bleaching and downgrading of crops from the rain.

South western harvesting progress	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	99	99
Durum	99	98
Oats	99	96
Barley	99	97
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	100
Flax	81	70
Canola	100	100
Mustard	98	98
Sunflowers	50	50
Lentils	100	100
Peas	100	100
Canary seed	92	88
Chickpeas	94	94
Total	**99**	**98**

Ninety-nine per cent of the 2006 south western crop has been harvested. Crops that are less than 95% harvested include flax, sunflowers, canary seed, and chickpeas.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land have dried, with 40% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as short or very short, compared with 35% last week. Conditions have improved slightly on hay and pasture land with 49% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as short or very short, compared to 51% last week. Some farmers are feeding their stock. Some are hauling water for their stock and some are pumping water to dugouts.

Crop damage came from gophers and rusty grain beetles.

More winter wheat and fall rye was seeded this past week.

Farmers are busy with fall work, including hauling bales, fixing corrals and fences, moving cows, hauling grain, picking rocks, spraying, cleaning corrals, and applying fertilizer.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

East central harvesting progress	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	92	91
Durum	95	93
Oats	87	87
Barley	93	92
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	100
Flax	49	47
Canola	87	86
Mustard	88	82
Sunflowers	22	22
Lentils	99	99
Peas	100	100
Canary seed	60	60
Chickpeas	91	90
Total	**88**	**87**

The east central region was cool and damp much of last week though started to dry by the weekend. An average of 9 mm of precipitation was reported, with all CD averages showing 8 mm or 9 mm. Flooding, frost, and wind damage were reported in CDs 5b and 6a. Crops were downgrading from sprouting and bleaching.

Eighty-eight per cent of the 2006 east central crop has been combined, and a further 11% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight combined. Crops that are less than 90% harvested include oats, flax, canola, mustard, sunflowers, and canary seed. Grain dryers were in operation. Green growth in swaths will make harvesting more difficult.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland improved, with 18% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 28% last week. Some farmers are making ruts in the fields with harvesting machinery and some were getting stuck. Conditions also dried on hay and pasture land with 11% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 19% last week.

Wild game damaged crops in CD 5a. Ducks and geese damaged crops in CD 6a.

Winter wheat crops are emerging in good condition. More winter wheat was seeded.

Some farmers were able to spray and fertilize. Farmers also hauled bales, baled straw, moved cattle, and hauled grain.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

West central harvesting progress	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	96	95
Durum	99	97
Oats	86	86
Barley	96	96
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	99	99
Flax	38	36
Canola	96	95
Mustard	99	94
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	99	99
Peas	100	100
Canary seed	59	59
Chickpeas	85	85
Total	**94**	**94**

The west central region was showery and unsettled for much of last week, but turned warmer on the weekend. The precipitation average for the west central region last week was 7 mm, ranging from an average low of 4 mm reported in CD 7a, to an average high of 9 mm reported in CD 6b. Frost damage was reported in the Outlook and Herschel areas. Sprouting, staining, and bleaching of unharvested crops was reported. Grain piles were also reported to be sprouting.

The harvest completion average remained at 94% for the west central region. Limited progress was made with harvesting spring wheat, durum, flax, canola, and mustard. Standing canary seed crops in the Marengo

area were reported to have a lot of green growth.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland improved during the past week. Thirty per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 41% last week. Conditions also improved on hay and pasture land with 88% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared with 76% last week.

Farmers worked on repairing machinery, corrals, and fences. There was some herbicide spraying as well as bale hauling and cattle moving.

There were reports of grain being rejected at the elevator because of grain beetles.

An item of interest – in the Biggar area, it was reported that a fence had thousands of cobwebs that were straight out about 20 feet due to a gentle breeze. The reporter said it looked like something out of a horror movie!

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

The northeast had poor harvest weather during the past week. An average of 11 mm of precipitation was reported across the region, ranging form an average low of 8 mm reported in CD 8b, to an average high of 18 mm reported in CD 9ae. Flooding damage was reported across the region. Localized wind damage, including scattering of swaths, twisting, and lodging, was reported in CD 8a. Unharvested crops, including oilseeds, were sprouting and/or bleached.

North eastern harvesting progress	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	90	90
Durum	97	97
Oats	78	78
Barley	89	89
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	n/a	n/a
Flax	31	31
Canola	84	84
Mustard	99	99
Sunflowers	n/a	n/a
Lentils	100	100
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	63	63
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	85	85

Harvest completion remained at 85% for the northeast. Some combining was happening again by the weekend.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland remained the same as last week, with 95% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus. Some farmers were trying to drain water off fields. Conditions improved on hay and pasture land with 81% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 90% last week. In the Paddockwood area, cattle were moved out of some pastures because there was no high ground for them to sleep on.

Wild game and migratory birds damaged crops in CD 8b.

There was some spraying for weeds, as well as some bale hauling, hauling manure, moving grain piles, and desiccating red clover.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

North western harvesting progress	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	89	89
Durum	n/a	85
Oats	76	76
Barley	88	88
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	n/a	97
Flax	36	21
Canola	86	86
Mustard	80	80
Sunflowers	n/a	n/a
Lentils	100	95
Peas	100	99
Canary seed	79	n/a
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	87	87

The north western region had rain in some areas during the past week. An average of 11 mm of precipitation was reported, with 25 mm reported in the Big River area. Flooding was reported in CD 9aw. Frost damage was reported in the Meadow Lake area. Reporters expressed concern about downgrading in unharvested crops, including sprouting. Sprouting was also evident in grain piles.

Harvest completion remained at 87% for the northwest, though some progress was reported in harvesting flax, as well as limited progress in canola and wheat. Grain dryers were being used last week

Cropland dried a bit last week with 31% of reporters rating moisture as surplus, compared with 42% last week. On hay and pasture land, 96% of reporters rated topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 87% last week. Pastures are holding out fairly well, though some farmers have

Saskatchewan Harvest Progress at October 1, 2006

	% In Swath or Ready to Str.Cmb			% Combined		
	2006	2005	Average 2001-05	2006	2005	Average 2001-05
Winter wheat	0	1	1	100	99	98
Spring wheat	5	33	17	94	56	73
Durum	1	13	9	99	83	81
Oats	11	30	22	86	52	61
Barley	6	25	14	93	66	76
Fall rye	0	1	1	100	90	91
Triticale	0	14	n/a	100	68	n/a
Flax	20	23	17	67	49	49
Canola	11	27	25	89	71	71
Mustard	4	12	9	95	85	83
Sunflowers	2	0	0	10	1	4
Lentils	1	5	4	99	93	89
Peas	0	4	2	100	94	94
Canary seed	23	23	16	72	47	55
Chickpeas	5	10	7	92	72	58
Total	**7**	**23**	**15**	**92**	**69**	**74**

Saskatchewan Harvest Progress by Crop District at Oct. 1, 2006
(total of all crops)

Crop District	% Combined	% Other
1a	99	0
1b	95	0
2a	97	0
2b	95	1
3ase	98	1
3asw	97	1
3an	98	0
3bs	98	1
3bn	98	0
4a	97	3
4b	97	3
South	**97**	**1**
5a	91	0
5b	84	0
6a	91	0
6b	93	0
7a	86	10
7b	95	1
Central	**89**	**1**
8a	89	0
8b	86	0
9ae	73	0
9aw	82	0
9b	90	2
North	**86**	**0**
SK	**91**	**1**

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending September 30, 2006

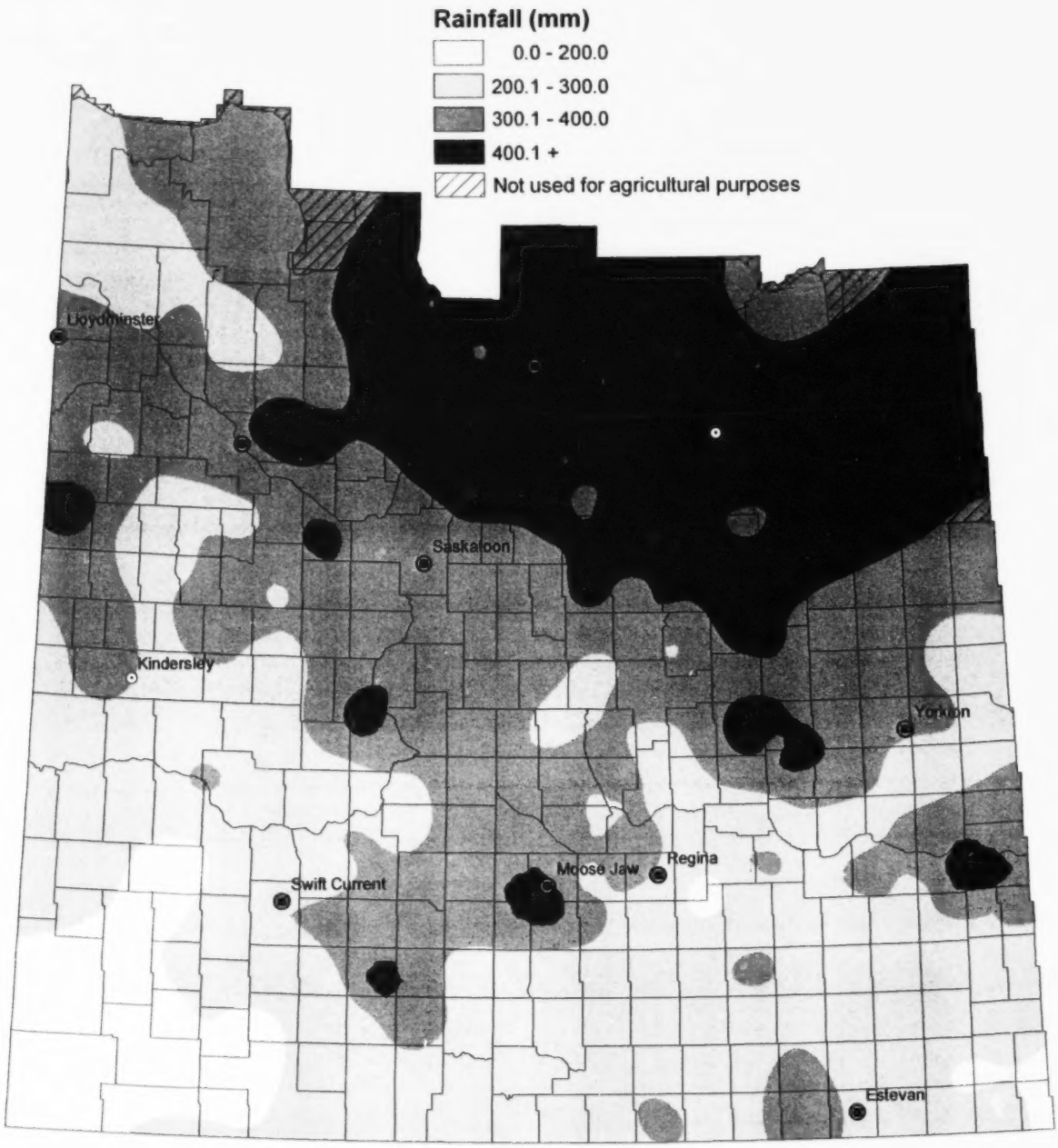
Crop Dist.	No.	Municipality Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	3	238
	3 B	Enniskillen	6	227
	33 A	Moose Creek	4	188
	34	Browning	5	286
	35	Benson	12	246
	63 A	Moose Mountain	NIL	266
	64	Brock	5	264
1B	91	Maryfield	5	207
	92	Walpole	6	242
	93	Wawken	2	272
	95	Golden West	2	268
	121	Moosomin	9	305
	122	Martin	7	305
	123	Silverwood	16	342
	124	Kingsley	10	298
	125	Chester	3	251
	151 A	Rocanville	15	378
	151 B	Rocanville	12	502
	153	Willowdale	12	285*
	154	Elcapo	8	297
	155	Wolseley	7	317
2A	36	Cymri	17	339
	66	Griffin	25	260*
	67	Weyburn	8	238
	68	Brokenshell	1	238
	69	Norton	9	279
	96	Fillmore	7	282
	97	Wellington	14	313
	99	Caledonia	13	291
2B	126	Montmartre	10	280
	127	Francis	11	276
	128	Lajord	9	172
	129	Bratt's Lake	10	252
	131	Baildon	12	352
	156 A	Indian Head	10	303
	156 B	Indian Head	13	309
	157	South Qu'appelle	20	290
	158	Edenwold	15	245
	160	Pense	8	296
	161	Moose Jaw	6	461
	191	Marquis	8	356
3ASE	9	Surprise Valley	5	318
	38 A	Laurier	8	293
	38 B	Laurier	7	252
	39 A	The Gap	6	231
	39 B	The Gap	11	230
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	3	215
	12	Poplar Valley	NIL	196
	40	Bengough	1	255
	43 A	Old Post	NIL	211
	43 B	Old Post	2	208
	70	Key West	5	249
	71 A	Excel	3	252
	71 B	Excel	2	281
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	299
	73 B	Stonehenge	TR	288
3AN	101 A	Terrell	NIL	256
	101 B	Terrell	10	256
	102	Lake Johnston	4	253
	103	Sutton	NIL	282
	132	Hillsborough	6	343
	134	Shamrock	NIL	316
	164	Chaplin	2	321
	193	Eyebrow	13	377
	194	Enfield	8	280
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	1	197
	17 B	Val Marie	NIL	204
	45	Mankota	NIL	266
	75 A	Pinto Creek	NIL	245
	75 B	Pinto Creek	NIL	272
	76 A	Auvergne	NIL	220
	76 B	Auvergne	NIL	244
	78 A	Grassy Creek	NIL	206
	78 B	Grassy Creek	NIL	153
	105	Glenbain	2	438
	106	Whiska Creek	NIL	267
	107	Lac Pelletier	NIL	254
	108	Bone Creek	5	210
3BN	136	Coulee	5	323
	138	Webb	1	299
	165	Morse	NIL	312
	166	Excelsior	5	265
	167	Sask. Landing	0	290
	225	Canaan	NIL	268
	226	Victory	1	263
	228 B	Lacadena	1	314
	255	Coteau	13	430
4A	51	Reno	NIL	173
	79	Arlington	NIL	163
	110	Piapot	NIL	195
	111 B	Maple Creek	3	200
4B	141	Big Stick	4	195
	142	Enterprise	NIL	237
	169	Pittville	NIL	163
	231	Happyland	2	241
	232	Deer Forks	2	240
5A	152	Spy Hill	9	394
	183	Fertile Belt	6	343
	185	Mcleod	6	241
	186	Abernethy	8	277
	187	North Qu'appelle	6	250
	213	Saltcoats	9	286
	216	Tullymet	14	412
	217 B	Lipton	5	298
	241	Calder	13	281
	245 B	Garry	7	415
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	15	364
	247	Kellross	13	448
	248	Touchwood	10	313
5B	271	Cote	11	286
	273	Sliding Hills	12	280
	275 B	Insinger	10	345
	304	Buchanan	11	340
	307	Elfros	8	469
	308	Big Quill	8	295
	335	Hazel Dell	8	399
	336	Sasman	11	399
	337	Lakeview	9	486
	338	Lakeside	8	441
	366 A	Kelvington	7	395
	366 B	Kelvington	6	466
	367	Ponass Lake	NIL	550
	367 B	Ponass Lake	7	375
6A	189	Lumsden	15	390
	190 A	Dufferin	7	216*
	190 B	Dufferin	11	367
	190 C	Dufferin	10	317
	219 B	Longlaketon	13	256
	220	Mckillop	16	361
	221	Sarnia	11	346
	222	Craik	12	375
	251	Big Arm	12	282
	252	Arm River	8	306
	279 B	Mount Hope	12	351
	280	Wreford	3	277
	282	Mccraney	12	347
	309	Prairie Rose	5	391
	312	Morris	12	352
	339 A	Leroy	3	366
	339 B	Leroy	5	409
	340 A	Wolverine	7	420
	340 B	Wolverine	3	454
	343	Blucher	7	399
6B	254	Loreburn	10	329
	283	Rosedale	9	329
	284	Rudy	12	382
	285	Fertile Valley	11	374
	286	Milden	6	329
	314	Dundurn	9	437
	344	Corman Park	2	337
	345	Vanscoy	6	363
	346	Perdue	16	372
	404	Laird	13	408
7A	259	Snipe Lake	1	229
	292	Milton	2	288
	317 C	Marriott	10	317
	318 A	Mountain View	2	348
	318 B	Mountain View	10	360
	320	Oakdale	2	284
	321	Prairiedale	NIL	406
7B	347 A	Biggar	3	369
	350 A	Mariposa	TR	229
	350 B	Mariposa	4	292
	351	Progress	7	327
	352	Heart's Hill	6	316
	377	Glenside	9	414
	378 A	Rosemount	10	336
	378 B	Rosemount	14	286
	381	Grass Lake	6	348
	382	Eye Hill	8	443
	411	Senlac	3	403
8A	395	Porcupine	19	519
	397	Barrier Valley	12	539
	398	Pleasantdale	11	482
	428	Star City	12	415
	456	Arborfield	16	495
	457 A	Connaught	14	588
	457 B	Connaught	15	450
	458	Willow Creek	12	440
	486	Moose Range	15	360
	487	Nipawin	7	488
8B	369	St. Peter	2	607
	370	Humboldt	3	423
	371	Bayne	4	422
	373	Aberdeen	7	393
	399	Lake Lenore	6	441
	402	Fish Creek	7	430
	429 A	Flett's Springs	18	425
	429 B	Flett's Springs	10	429
	430	Invergordon	9	474
	431	St. Louis	6	493
	459	Kinistino	14	405
9AE	488	Torch River	17	438
	520	Paddockwood	20	513
9AW	406	Mayfield	12	369
	435	Redberry	5	357
	436	Douglas	7	442
	436 B	Douglas	2	226*
	463	Duck Lake	14	442
	466	Meeting Lake	13	394
	467	Round Hill	10	424
	493	Shellbrook	16	396
	494	Canwood	18	448
	496	Spiritwood	12	398
	555	Big River	25	433
9B	438 A	Battle River	8	354
	440	Hillsdale	6	278
	468	Meota	6	309
	472	Wilton	10	390
	498 A	Parkdale	10	267
	499	Mervin	6	340
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	9	257
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	8	281
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	4	254
	502	Britannia	4	347
	561	Loon Lake	10	284
	588 A	Meadow Lake	23	303
	588 B	Meadow Lake	11	355
	588 C	Meadow Lake	19	357
	588 D	Meadow Lake	19	326
	622	Beaver River	18	293

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

* incomplete

Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

Cumulative Rainfall
From: April 1, 2006
To: September 30, 2006



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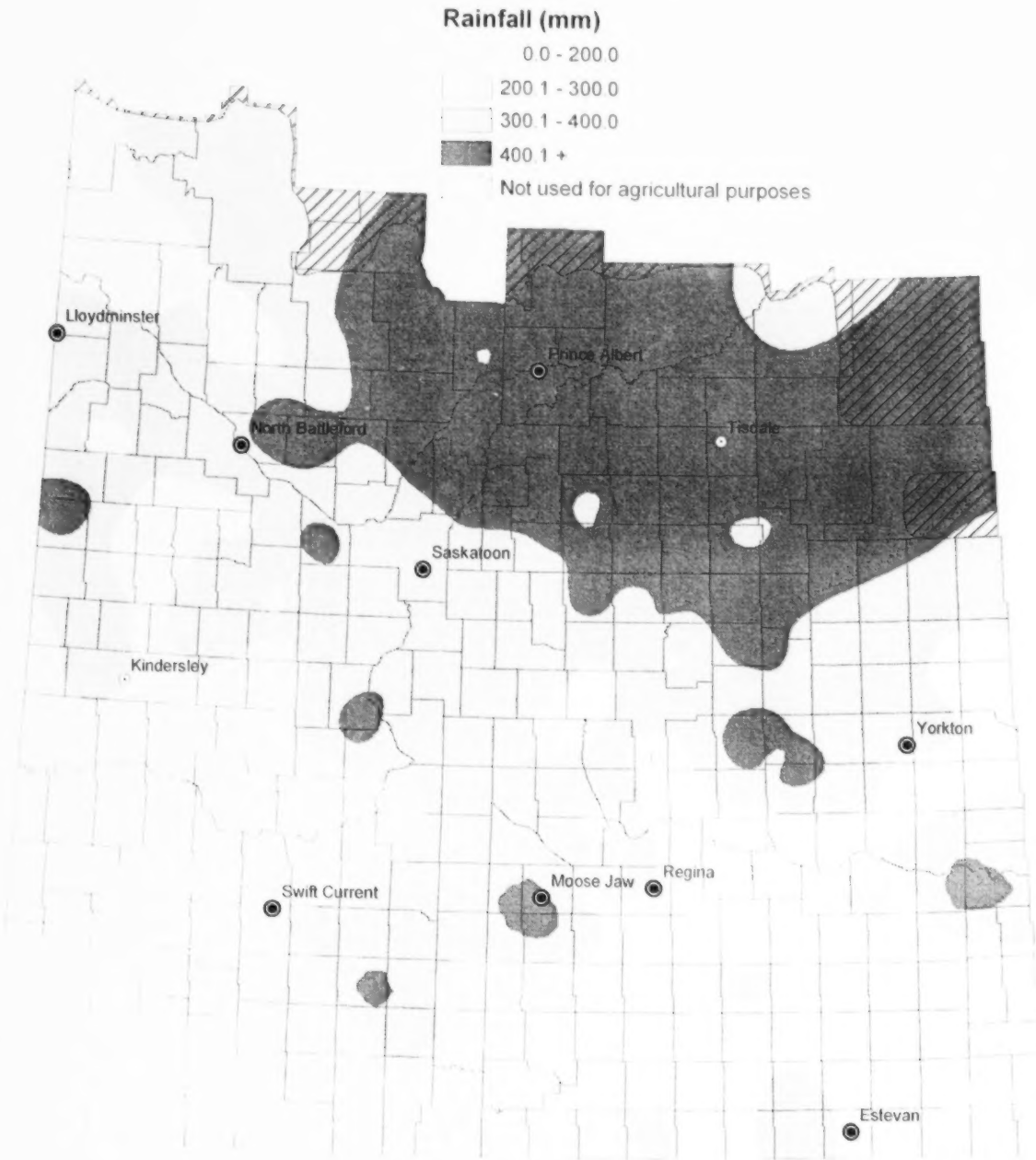

Crop Districts
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Rural Municipalities